



Guernsey World 8-Ball Pool Association

To the Family and Relatives of the Late Stan Lester Jnr.

It is with the deepest sympathy that I write to you on behalf of the Pool Community from not only here in Guernsey, but of that in Jersey as well.

The news of Stan's loss was met by all everywhere with great stunned disbelief and shock; he will be very sadly missed by a great many.

Without doubt Stan has touched the lives of many from all walks of life, his infectious humour and candour was his hallmark, along with his dedication to cue sports in general. His knowledge, talent and the ability to teach and bring out the best in his fellow players and especially in his pupil's was second to none, a fact that many players will attest to.

The present Island Ladies team, who went on earlier this year to represent the Channel Islands in the European Championships, was all down to Stan getting them together and teaching them not only the shots, but also how to think about the game.

But most of all, he will be remembered for his devotion to junior members. He will especially be remembered for how he realised his dream and took young 11-13 year old children and transformed them into a formidable and feared team called The Nipper's, placed them in the 1st Division of the Island's Pool League, and so convincingly won the league gaining promotion to the Premiership League, from where the remaining members have gone from strength to strength. Some of those juniors have now progressed so well from his teachings they are now indisputably top world class players and are set for greater things yet to come; this is just part of his legacy, and all solely because of Stan.

He was a formidable and fearless player on any table, and figured as a top player in many prestigious tournaments. He was a terrific team player, and an incredibly talented and confident individualist who loved the game and was always willing to play anyone at anytime.

The work he undertook for the Island's Pool League epitomised his devotion to the sport, and it is because of his work that we now boast the biggest pool league from anywhere in the world.

We will mourn his passing for some time to come, but he will forever live on in all of our memories, and we that knew him well will give thanks for the privilege of having known him, of being his friend and receiving his unstinting friendship in return. He will leave an un-fillable chasm in cue sport.

Yours truly,

Trevor Kirk
G.W.P.A. Chairman.